

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/862,286 filed on May 22, 2001. This application claims the benefit under Title 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/207,453 filed on May 25, 2000 and 60/267,259 filed on February 9, 2001.

Claims 1-41 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 42-58, newly presented herein, are pending in this application. Claims 42-58 represent subject matter of the claims of Group II identified in the *Election/Restriction* of the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002 in the parent case. Claims 42-58 are fully supported by Applicants' disclosure and introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; that this application be considered in view of the above amendment and following remarks; and that all of the claims remaining in this application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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